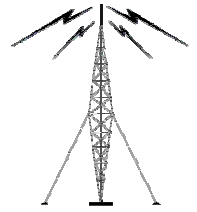




Western Public Service System Newsletter



Pre-Picnic Edition

1 MAY 2010



Letter from the President, Ron, N3ETA

Happy spring everyone! We had a record turnout at the Hemet luncheon this year and the Picnic is just around the corner. Thankfully, Jim YB6YAM his wife Sharon KI6FKX and their great crew agreed to do the picnic again this year. Jim is also serving as this year's Prize chairman.

We have two new additions to the life members list Jack K6CE and Toby W6PXD, our congratulations to them both.

We have a lot of new members, and a good number of them are participating in the running of the net. That's what we need, people. We need more member participation. We have a new editor for our newsletter, Genie (KM6D). We have a new publisher Mickie (KT6U). We are also going to an E- Newsletter format. So we have a brand new on-line editor, Don (W3DRM). The newsletter will still be available via snail mail to any member without web access but the website newsletter will allow us to add color text and photos that are not practical in a hard copy newsletter.

Remember, there are lots of ways for you to join in on the everyday running of the net. Early or late monitors, roll caller or helping out with the luncheon or picnic or, dare I say, running for an office. We have elections coming up. This year we'll be choosing a new President, Vice President/ Net Manager, Treasurer and 4 new directors. If you would like to have an impact on the net, this is the way to do it. It does us no good to have the same people running things. We need new thoughts and new ideas, new approaches to the way things are done, a fresh outlook on new and old problems alike.

I would like to say welcome aboard to our new members and offer our sincere condolences to the families and loved ones of our members who have become silent keys. Unfortunately we seem to have lost an inordinate number of amateur operators this year.

I'm looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the picnic and who knows maybe I'll find my way down to Hemet for the next luncheon.

73,

Ron Genovesi N3ETA
President WPSS

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Of The
WESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE SYSTEM**

February 23, 2010 - on 3952 KHz

The meeting was called to order at 1845 by the president, N3ETA

Roll Call

Present

N3ETA, W6PXD, W7HUT, K6RAU, WD6CAX, KM6D, WA6EFT, KD7MEK, W6NFL, W0QNI, KD7WIZ

Absent

K7TFJ, K6FSB, WB6YAM, N6MIV

11 of 13 directors being present, a quorum was declared
W7HUT read the minutes from the previous meeting.

KD7MEK moved and W0QNI seconded that:
The minutes be accepted.
Motion passed unanimously.

K6RAU gave the treasurer's report - current balance is \$12, 845. WB6YAM has made a deposit for the summer BBQ of \$215 and will be reimbursed therefore. The report was accepted without comment or change.

No other committee reports were given.

Old Business

W6PXD moved and W0QNI seconded that:

The summer BBQ be held at the same location as last year - Laguna Seca; that the dates be July 30, 31 and August 1; that WB6YAM be named BBQ chairman and prize chair; that Sharon, his wife be spouse prize chair.
Motion passed unanimously.

W0QNI moved and W6NFL seconded that:
The fee for the BBQ be kept at \$10.
Motion passed unanimously.

W0QNI moved and W6PXD seconded that:
The prize budget for the BBQ be set at \$3,000 for members and \$500 for spouses.
Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

KD7MEK moved and KD7WIZ seconded that:

KM6D be named editor for the print version of the WPSS newsletter.
Motion passed unanimously.

W6NFL moved and KD7MEK seconded that:
The newsletter be primarily offered on the WPSS Web site, but that a print version be available to those who request one.
Motion passed unanimously.

At the request of W6PXD, N3ETA appointed a committee to look into the feasibility of offering door prizes for the twice yearly Hemet WPSS Luncheon. The committee is comprised of: W6PXD, W0QNI, WD6CAX, WA6EFT, and WB6YAM.

KD7MEK moved and W7HUT seconded that: The meeting be adjourned.
Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1940 hours.

Respectfully submitted
Michael
W7HUT, WPSS Secretary

WESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE SYSTEM INC.
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MONTH-END
[October 2009]

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/// Beginning Bank Balance (Sept 25): \$ 9997.34

\\ Sept Deposits & Interest: + \$ 240.00
+240.00 (dues)
+.00 (interest)

\\ Sept Expenses & Debits: - \$ -106.20
-106.20 (WB6NVT for web hosting) – v 519

/// Ending Bank Balance (Oct 27): \$ 10131.14

Fred B. Silveira, K6RAU
WPSS Treasurer – 2009

WESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE SYSTEM INC.
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MONTH-END
[November 2009]

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/// Beginning Bank Balance (Oct 28): \$ 10131.14

\\ Nov Deposits & Interest: + \$ 878.00
+108.00 (dues) / Nov 10, 2009
+ 296.00 (dues) / Nov 13, 2009
+ 310.00 (dues) / Nov 18, 2009
+ 164.00 (dues) / Nov 19, 2009
+.00 (interest)

\\ Nov Expenses & Debits: - \$ -245.82
-245.82 (KM6WM for newsletter costs) – v 520

/// Ending Bank Balance (Nov 27): \$10763.32

Fred B. Silveira, K6RAU
WPSS Treasurer – 2009

WESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE SYSTEM INC.
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MONTH-END
[December 2009]

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/// Beginning Bank Balance (Nov 27): \$ 10763.32

\\ Dec Deposits & Interest: + \$ 1216.00
+ 552.00 (dues) / Nov 30, 2009
+ 238.00 (dues) / Dec 09, 2009
+ 426.00 (dues / Dec 15, 2009
+.00 (interest)

\\ Dec Expenses & Debits: - \$ -000.00
- no expenditures during month of December

/// Ending Bank Balance (Dec 24): \$11979.32

[\$142.00 deposit (Dec 28, 2009) carried to 2010 to coincide with Dec 24 end of year bank statement.]

Fred B. Silveira, K6RAU

WESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE SYSTEM INC.
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MONTH-END
[January 2010]

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/// Beginning Bank Balance (Dec 24, 2009): \$ 11979.32

\\ January Deposits & Interest: + \$ 482.00
+ 142.00 (dues) / Dec 28, 2009 / [carry over]
+ 174.00 (dues) / Jan 8, 2010
+ 166.00 (dues) / Jan 25, 2010
+.00 (interest)

\\ January Expenses & Debits: - \$ -000.00
-000.00 (no transaction during January)

/// Ending Bank Balance (Jan 28, 2010): \$ 12461.32

Fred B. Silveira, K6RAU
WPSS Treasurer – 2010

WESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE SYSTEM INC.
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MONTH-END
[February 2010]

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/// Beginning Bank Balance (Jan 28, 2010): \$ 12461.32

\\ February Deposits & Interest: + \$ 374.00
+ 224.00 (dues) / Feb 8, 2010
+ 160.00 (dues) / Feb 22, 2010
- 10.00 (dues) / Feb 24, 2010 – returned check [e#-304a]
+ .00 (interest)

\\ February Expenses & Debits: \$ 10.00
- 10.00 Feb 24, 2010 / bank charge for returned check [e#-304a]

/// Ending Bank Balance (Feb 24, 2010): \$ 12825.32

Fred B. Silveira, K6RAU

WESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE SYSTEM INC.
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MONTH-END
[March 2010]

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/// Beginning Bank Balance (Feb 24, 2010): \$ 12825.32

\\ February Deposits & Interest: + \$ 140.00
+ 20.00 (deposit) Mar 15, 2010 for e#403a/403b (see Feb 2010)
+ 120.00 (dues) / Mar 15, 2010
+ .00 (interest)

\\ February Expenses & Debits: - \$ - 215.00
- 215.00 Feb 24, 2010 (WB6YAM – county reservation-picnic site)

/// Ending Bank Balance (Mar 24, 2010): \$ 12750.32

Fred B. Silveira, K6RAU
WPSS Treasurer – 2010



This Years Picnic *by* *Jim WB6YAM*

Talk in Frequency- The talk in frequency will be the [KI6FKX repeater](#) located atop of Mount Toro between Monterey & Salinas on [146.655 -600 tone/PL 94.8](#). Coverage from the north starts around Gilroy on Hwy 101, Santa Cruz on Hwy 1 and from the south around Gonzales on Hwy 101. This repeater will be monitored starting early Friday through Sunday for WPSS traffic. Just call for WPSS Control, Sharon KI6FKX or Jim WB6YAM.

When: Saturday, July 31st, 2010 (Note: *Many people arrive a day or two early and stay through Sunday.*)

Lunch: A scrumptious lunch will be served about noon on Saturday at a maximum cost of \$10 per person.

Where: This year's picnic will again be held at

**The Laguna Seca Recreation Area, 1025 Monterey Highway
68, Salinas, CA
(aka "Mazda Raceway at Laguna Seca")**

For you GPS Buffs: 36-34-46 N 121-45-21 W - Our location within the recreational area is the [Chaparral "B" Campgrounds](#) located between Roads A and B, near the Community Meeting Room. Detailed directions to recreational area are on the Monterey County Parks web site.

Essentially, coming from US101, take exit 326B, towards the Monterey Peninsula, in Salinas. From the southbound exit, make a right on South Sanborn Rd. From the northbound exit, make a left on Fairview Ave, then left on South Sanborn. South Sanborn Rd becomes E. BLANCO RD. Turn left on S. MAIN ST (Highway 68) and travel for about 8.8 miles until you reach the recreational area.

You should not be required to pay the \$6.00 day use fee if you mention that you are with the WPSS group in Chaparral Campgrounds "B"



This Years Picnic *by Jim WB6YAM*

In your RV/Camping reservation please include all of the following that applies:

- Your full name(s)
- Call Sign(s)
- Estimated arrival and departure dates & [times](#)
- Your RV license number
- The license number of your support or tow vehicle
- RV spaces are **\$33.00** per night and include water and electricity
- Tent camping spaces are available for **\$30.00** per night. (No stakes through asphalt please)
- Checks made payable to "WPSS" should be turned over to Sharon KI6FKX at the picnic on Saturday.
- [A list of local motels & hotels are available for you via email or fax, simply request it.](#)

RV (or Tent) Reservations: Our [wagon master](#) for this year's picnic is [Jim Lacalamita, WB6YAM](#). Jim prefers to take reservations by e-mail:

-- wb6yam@sbcglobal.net --
(If you are not of email age you can telephone)

If you have questions for [Jim](#) you can catch him on the [WPSS Net](#) or email (wb6yam@sbcglobal.net) or (831) 601-0994 Days / (831) 449-6000 Evenings.

RAFFLE TICKETS

\$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

Marge May KB6HAG has once again graciously volunteered to be the person responsible for this year's ***WPSS Annual BBQ Picnic*** raffle tickets. Tickets go on sale May 15th through July 27th. The tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. You may buy your raffle tickets from her at the picnic or by snail mail. Prizes won by members not present at the picnic will be shipped to them courtesy of WPSS.

If you want your ticket stubs back before the picnic must be received by July 24th and include a ***SASE*** with your order.

Make checks payable to ***Western Public Service System***.

Write your call sign on your check.

Cutoff date to order by mail is July 27th.

Need not be on roll call list to purchase tickets ***BUT*** must be a member in good standing as of July 30, 2010.

To purchase tickets send your requests to:

Marge May KB6HAG
15120 Village 15
Camarillo, CA 93012

Just a reminder -

Dues are \$10.00 and then \$8.00 for any consecutive years you want to pay for, so for 2 years it would be \$18.00. It only becomes \$10.00 when you fail to renew your membership by the due date. By failing to renew on time you also jeopardize your continuous service awards.

2010 Prize List

Kenwood TS2000 - *HF/6m/2m 430 XCV/Tuner*
Kenwood THF6A - *5w 2m/220/440 HT/LITH*
Yaesu FT7900 - *50w 2m/45w 440 FM XCVR*
w/ Remote Kit
Yaesu FT60 - *5w 2m/440 FM HT*
Heil PR781 - *DYN Cardioid Studio Mic*
Samlex SEC1235M - *30A SW PS w/ Fan /Meters*
Yaesu FT 270 - *5w 2m FM HT*
Diamond SX100 - *1.6 – 60 30/300/3kw PEP*
Arrow 146/43710BP - *3L 2m/7L 440 HH Split Boom*
Maha MHC9000 - *4 AA/AAA Nimh CGR Analyzer*
Hustler MX270 - *2m/440 2.4/4db NMO Mag*
Comet SBB5NMO - *2m/440 38" Blk NMO Mob*
ARRL 1448 - *10 Soft-Cover Radio Handbook w/CD*
ARRL 9876 - *Antenna Book 21st Edition w/CD*
Radiowavz G5RV – *102' G5RV Antenna 28' Tall*
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Arrow OSJ146/440 - *2m/440 57.5 'J'-Pole Antenna*
Radiowavz G5RVJR - *51' G5RV Antenna 14' Tall*
ARRL 1093 - *Operating Manual 9th Edition*
MFJ 392B - *DLX Communication Headphones*
Maha MHRAA4 - *4pk 1.2v 2700MAH AA Nimh 24*
MFJ 281 - *Cleartone Communication Speaker*

The 2010 WPSS Picnic Raffle Rules and Eligibility

This raffle is a benefit to members in good standing of WPSS as of **30 July 2010**.

- Raffle tickets may be purchased beginning **May 15, 2010**, by mail from **Marge May** (KB6HAG) 15120 Village 15, Camarillo, CA. 93012. Marge's Email is available on QRZ.
- **Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.**
- Checks must be received by Marge on or before **July 27th, 2010 (or July 24th if you want ticket stubs sent back to you.)**
- Tickets may be purchased at the Picnic site.
- Checks should be made out to **Western Public Service System**. You must put **your call sign on the check.**

If you want your ticket stubs, include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your check.

Eligibility

- You must be a member in good standing of Western Public Service System. A member in good standing means you must have your dues paid (with the exception of life members) on or by July 30, 2010 prior to the drawing. Our President Ron, N3ETA, will have Fred's latest membership data at the picnic (current as of **July 29, 2010** (mailed dues must be received by our Treasurer by **July 29, 2010**)).
- Dues payments, renewals and new memberships will be accepted prior the drawing at the picnic by our President, Ron, N3ETA or our Treasurer, K6RAU, if in attendance.
- You do **NOT** have to be on roll call. If you have any doubt about your status please contact our Treasurer- Fred, K6RAU, or our President Ron, N3ETA who will be at the picnic, before you purchase tickets.
- No single ticket may win more than one prize.
- Spouse's prizes may only be won by member's spouses who are present.

Prizes won by members not present will have their prize shipped to them courtesy of WPSS.

The Drawing

- The **First**, **Second** and **Third** prizes will be drawn as follows; prior to any other tickets having been drawn, the **First** prize ticket will be drawn and placed in an envelope marked FIRST PRIZE. This process will be repeated for the **Second** prize in which the ticket will then be placed in an envelope marked SECOND PRIZE and then again for **Third** prize in which the ticket will be placed in an envelope marked THIRD PRIZE.
- At this point tickets will be drawn and winners' names announced for prizes starting with the lesser value and working up to the highest value interspersed with the drawing of the spouse's prizes. Names will be announced as tickets are drawn.
- Upon completion of drawing for all other prizes:
 - The **Third** prize envelope will be opened and the winner's name announced, then
 - The **Second** prize envelope will be opened and the winner's name announced and finally
 - The **First** prize envelope will be opened and the winners name announced.
 - This will conclude the raffle.

Note from the Editor – Genie KM6D, email: km6d@ymail.com

Hi Everyone –

In keeping with a tradition started by the previous Editor, Renee K6FSB, I will do my best to make *at the least* one error in each issue. Do try to find the error(s), and when you do let's keep it as a secret between us. If you have any feedback, comments, news or announcements contact me by email or on the net. Drop me a note and let me know what's going on.

Don't forget that elections will be here sooner than you think so please consider running for an office. The positions open are President, Vice-President/Net Manager, Treasurer, and four Directors. We will also be in need of a Nominating Committee if you are interested or need more information contact any of the Officers or Directors and they will try to help you. You are the WPSS and it's your net so consider it, it isn't hard it's gratifying and fun so let's all get involved.

Field Day is also coming up and it isn't just about emergencies and contacts it's about promoting the advantages and fun of amateur radio, it's a great public relations and information event for the general public. Get out there have fun and let people, especially young people know about amateur radio, CW, PSK31, SSTV, Moon bounce, DXing, contests etc. It's a great lifetime hobby and it doesn't have to be expensive.

Being new to WPSS and to the position of Editor, I am sorry to say that I do not have a full list of all the new members to print. Welcome to all the new members, we're glad you're here and can't wait to get to know and chat with you on the net, so don't be a stranger.

73

Genie KM6D



UPCOMING EVENTS 2010



- May 20 – 23 Western Amateur Radio Friendship Association Spring 2010 Retreat
www.warfa.org
- Jun 26 – 27 ARRL Field Day - the largest on-the-air operating event in Amateur Radio.
www.arrl.org/field-day
- Jul 31 Western Public Service System Annual BBQ Picnic**
- information in newsletter and on website www.3952kHz.net
- Aug 14 Santa Barbara Amateur Radio Club Hamfest & Southwestern Division Convention—www.sbarc.org

NET CONTROLS

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SUNDAY

EARLY	KM6GF	BOB	LANCASTER
ROLL CALL	KM6D	GENIE	INDIO
LATE MONITOR	WA6QLQ	RON	VENTURA

MONDAY

EARLY	K7TFJ	SPEED	PAHRUMP, NV
ROLL CALL	W7HUT	MICHAEL	SANTA BARBARA
LATE MONITOR	KT6U	MICKIE	UPLAND

TUESDAY

EARLY	K6ERQ	BILL	FERNDAL
ROLL CALL	W6PXD	TOBY	HEMET
LATE MONITOR	KG6UGF	KEVIN	SUSANVILLE

WEDNESDAY

EARLY	KE6RJ	HARRY	SUGAR LOAF
ROLL CALL	N3ETA	RON	HALF MOON BAY
LATE MONITOR	K6AMU	RICK	EAGLE LAKE

THURSDAY

EARLY	KE5JTS	JASON	WOODBIDGE
ROLL CALL	WA6TVS	SHERMAN	PACOIMA
LATE MONITOR	AL7DM	KELLY	SIMI VALLEY

FRIDAY

EARLY	KI6COP	STAN	LAKE MATTHEWS
ROLL CALL	KD7MEK	DAN	KINGMAN AZ
LATE MONITOR	WA6QLQ	RON	VENTURA

SATURDAY

EARLY	K6ONE	FORD	POLLOCK PINES
ROLL CALL	W0QNI	BILL	NOVATO
LATE MONITOR	KI6YVT	SCOTT	ANDERSON

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